

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SECOND LINE TREATMENT FOR HIV AIDS PATIENTS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to launch a second line of treatment for HIV/ AIDS patients from January 1, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the second line of treatment would be extended to the entire country from April 2008; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Second line treatment for eligible AIDS patients has been initially launched at two centres i.e. at Sir Jamshedjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra and Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine, Tambaram, Chennai on a pilot basis till June 2008. Based on experience gained in the pilot, the second line ART will be expanded in a phased manner during the year 2008-09 to cover other states. Provision of second line drugs for 3000 patients has been made for the year 2008-09.